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Circular relative to vaccination of immigrants entering Canal Zone.

Under the authority granted by the governor's announcement of June 30, 1904, and governed by the Panama Código de Policía, article 539, ordinance No. 11, department of sanitation, vaccination of immigrants, every person entering the Canal Zone by sea to reside in said Zone shall, prior to such entry, present satisfactory evidence of protection against smallpox, either by previous attack, by vaccination, or be vaccinated.

This order to take effect from August 31, 1904.

W. C. GORGAS,
Chief Sanitary Officer.

Plague at Puná officially denied.

AUGUST 9, 1904.

Bubonic plague infection in Puná is officially denied. I have just returned from an interview with the president of the superior board of health who was also a member of the committee sent to Puná to investigate the matter. I am informed by him that the suspicions of the medical officer at Puná were aroused by the fact that a rat was discovered dying in a house occupied by a man who had received biscuits some time ago from the steamship *Denderah* from Callao and other southern ports. On examination the rat was discovered to have enlarged glands. The board of health was notified but the rat was burned before the committee reached there. A search for rats was made by the committee and several were caught.

It is claimed that they were affected by a worm known here as the "gusano de monte," field maggot, which attacks horses, cows, etc., that roam the woods. The rats were brought here and are said to have been subjected to bacteriological examination.

Since then other rats have been found but no further examination has been made.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, August 15, 1904, as follows:

Plague.

Egypt.—During the week ended July 30 there were registered in Egypt 17 new cases of plague (with 8 deaths), namely, 8 cases (2 deaths) in Zagazig, 6 cases (3 deaths) in Alexandria, 2 cases (2 deaths) in the district of Beni Suef, and 1 case (1 death) in the district of Bibeh.

Japan.—During the month of May there were registered in Formosa 1,308 cases of plague with 983 deaths.

British South Africa.—During the period from June 26 to July 1 2 new cases of plague were registered in Port Elizabeth.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to Bulletin No. 28, of July 25, there have been registered in Turkey 683 fresh cases of plague and 541 deaths.